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Letter dated 23 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that the Houthi militias are holding 19 oil tankers (see annex) carrying around 200,000 tons of oil derivatives in the anchoring zone outside Hudaydah port and are preventing those oil tankers from entering the port to offload. The Houthi militias are delaying the admission of the oil tankers because they are carrying imports by companies that are not affiliated with the militias. They are also delaying the admission of oil derivatives in order to reduce supply in the market and increase the price in all areas under their control.

Since 2014, the Houthi militias have been using Hudaydah port as an instrument of war against the Yemeni people, as well as a source of financing to prolong the war. The port is also being used to smuggle Iranian weapons and missiles into Yemen in order to use them to target Yemeni and Saudi cities.

This incident, like many before, proves that the Houthi militias are irresponsible and unqualified to operate such an important port.

I would therefore like to re-emphasize the urgent need to have United Nations supervision of Hudaydah port to ensure the timely, impartial and unhindered access of goods, in order to mitigate the humanitarian suffering of the Yemeni people.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

List of vessels held outside Hudaydah port as at 23 April 2018

No.	*Vessel name*	*Time and date of entry into the anchoring zone*	*Length of detention by Houthi militias (days)*	*Type and quantity of shipment (tons)*
1	*Volante*	0906 hours — 26 March 2018	27	Diesel — 16 299
2	*Bahia Damas*	0242 hours — 29 March 2018	24	Diesel — 8 932/ Petrol — 14 611
3	*Liana*	0448 hours — 4 January 2018	22	Diesel — 8 993
4	*Delia*	0430 hours — 4 April 2018	19	Petrol — 10 275
5	*Queen Reem*	1300 hours — 6 April 2018	17	Diesel — 8 215
6	*Selene*	0648 hours — 8 April 2018	15	Petrol — 13 000
7	*Liaki Freedom*	0042 hours — 8 April 2018	15	Petrol — 9 563
8	*Carpe Diem-2*	1815 hours — 11 April 2018	12	Diesel — 21 015
9	*Lady Asra*	0942 hours — 12 April 2018	11	Petrol — 4 720
10	*Amira Tes Star*	1236 hours — 13 April 2018	10	Diesel — 25 942
11	*Beta Tank-M*	1000 hours — 13 April 2018	10	Diesel — 5 000
12	*Vale*	1718 hours — 14 April 2018	9	Petrol — 15 431
13	*Motivator*	1654 hours — 17 April 2018	6	Diesel — 11 487
14	*Omair*	1930 hours — 18 April 2018	5	Petrol — 9 458
15	*Folk Elegant*	0406 hours — 19 April 2018	4	Petrol — 12 164
16	*Trans Ocean*	0115 hours — 19 April 2018	4	Petrol — 4 983
17	*MB Gladiator*	2106 hours — 20 April 2018	3	Wheat — 26 970
18	*Ariana*	2218 hours — 21 April 2018	2	Diesel — 13 001
19	*Celanova*			Gas — 3 667